

NSC BRIEFING

16 May 1957

**DISTRIBUTION OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES
(APPROXIMATE NUMBERS)**

Belgium	3,000
Denmark	1,000
France	9,000
West Germany	14,000
Holland	3,000
Iceland	52
Ireland	530
Italy	3,800
Luxembourg	250
Norway	1,500
Sweden	5,000
Switzerland	11,000
Spain	4
UK	20,000
Canada	24,000
US	32,000
Argentina	150
Brazil	185
Chile	50
Venezuela	175
Union of S. Africa	500
Israel	1,000
Australia	4,000
New Zealand	500
Rhodesia	250

Handwritten: 108
 DOCUMENTED
 ID. GRANTED BY 24-51
 CLASS. BY 24-51
 DATE 10-1-57
 FILE NO. 100-373044
Handwritten: 100-373044

not used

1. Last official statement of numbers was 12 April, saying that as of 10 April
18,853 had entered, of which
2,124 had been repatriated
474 elected to stay in Yugoslavia
1,213 had gone to other countries
15,042 left in Yugoslavia

Since then, 40 children have been repatriated. (Big mix-up on whether adequate checking had been done on validity of parents' (still in Hungary) requests, but Lindt, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, thinks Yugoslavs acted in good faith.

Also, possibly up to about 500 have gone on to other countries.

So approximately 14,500 still in Yugoslavia.

2. Lindt worked out agreement with Austria to take 5,000 of these on a temporary basis, before going on to third countries. On public announcement of this, Yugoslavs balked, but Lindt believes there had been a tangle in communications/ to Belgrade about his negotiations and that Yugoslavs feared that Austrians would make propaganda about this move. (An Austrian official recently made remarks about Austrians' ~~about~~ already existing problem with regular Yugoslav escapees).

Lindt has partially straightened/^{put}this mixup, and now is proceeding with arrangements for small trial group (500 - 1,000) to go to Austria.

He has also gained Yugoslav agreement for a USEP (UNITED States Escapee Program) screening team to go to Yugoslavia. This will allow processing of some refugees, particularly for ones to go to Latin American countries once latter has established quotas. (USEP teams apparently to do screening for those countries not sending own screening teams, and for US if latter ever decided to admit some).

3. Permanent resettlement: Agreements for about 7,000 to 8,000.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

-2-

Belgium - 1,500
Canada - 1,000
Australia - 2,000
Sweden - 500
Norway - 300
Israel, Germany, France, several hundred each (Yugoslavs later
said France would take 1,500)
Latin American countries 1,000 - 2,000

4. Yugoslavs had been saying must get rid of 5,000 quickly in order to relieve tourist facilities for tourist season just starting. Publicly said this at end of April, but privately indicated to UNHCR representative that not so urgent, provided could get more financial help to support present burden. So far, have received \$170,000 from UNHCR plus US-donated food. (May also get \$200,000 from Dutch and 100,000 £ from Lord Mayor of London).

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~